



Welcome to Nursery

(Robin Class)

Information for families

Please note that attendance to our nursery does not guarantee a place at the school.

Meet the Team

Class Teacher- Mrs Jeffery



Mrs Leach



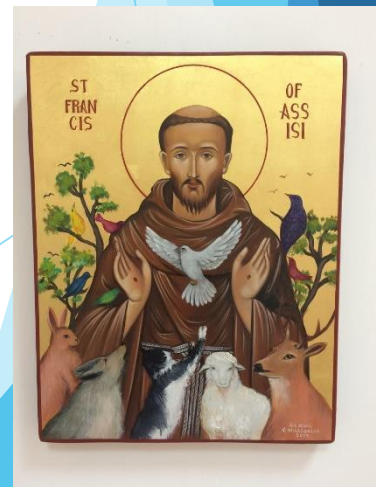
Mrs Wild



Mrs Matthews

Our Aims...

- ▶ By providing equal opportunities for all we aim to help children-
- ▶ Feel safe and secure
- ▶ Develop a love of learning
- ▶ Recognise the importance of being curious and active in their own learning
- ▶ Value effort over end result
- ▶ Challenge and encourage themselves and others through independence and team work
- ▶ Be caring, considerate and kind
- ▶ Show respect for the beliefs and values of others
- ▶ Show respect for the world they live in



Sessions

We offer a variety of sessions to help support the needs of your family. Nursery follows the same dates as the school including Teacher Development Days.

- ▶ Morning sessions- 08.30-11.30
- ▶ Afternoon sessions- 12.20-15.20
- ▶ All day sessions- 08.30-15.20

A lunchtime space can be added to a morning or afternoon session if space is available. If you would like to book a lunch space please contact the school office.

We make a charge of £2.75 per session to cover the cost of childcare. You will need to send a healthy cold packed lunch for your child or you can pay for a school dinner. We are unable to heat food.



Funding your child's sessions

Parents are entitled to 15 hours of universal funding for children the term after their 3rd birthday.

Some parents are able to claim an additional 15 hours of extended funding if they meet the criteria. Your eligibility depends on:-

whether you work

how much you earn

Your nationality

your child's circumstances

For more information see [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/topics/childcare)

If you are eligible for Extended hours you will be given a code, which needs renewing every 3 months. If your code expires and you use more than 15 hours you will be charged for those additional hours.

Please contact the school office if you require help working out your entitlement or any other information.

Lunches,snacks and Drinks

Lunches

Children are supervised at lunchtimes by the nursery team. They are there to support your child and to help them become independent over time. Please send their lunch in to nursery in a plastic box, labeled with their name. Wrap food so they can open it themselves. We never insist a child eats but will encourage them to try whatever you have sent in. Please be prepared for them to bring some home especially in the early days when they maybe less confident eating with unfamiliar faces. As a healthy school we request you do not send in sweets or chocolate but encourage fruit and healthy alternatives.

Hot lunches can be ordered online. These will be eaten in the school hall.

Snacks

Nursery provide all snacks. You are requested to make a contribution via ParentPay. You will be sent information each term.

Water

Please send your child in with a named water bottle everyday. No squash just water please.

Milk

Your child is entitled to free milk once a day.

Please register for this via www.coolmilk.com/schools



What to wear

Children in nursery are not required to wear a uniform but can do so if you would like them to. It can be practical and keeps their other clothing clean, activities in nursery can be messy!

We suggest a blue St Francis sweatshirt, leggings or jogging bottoms (for easy trips to the toilet) and sturdy shoes or trainers that they can take off and put on themselves.

Children will need all weather clothing and welly boots to allow outdoor play in all weather and visits to the forest.

All items of clothing needs to be named. We try very hard to send home clothing with the right child, on rare occasions things do go missing.

Your child will require a P.E. kit from Term 6. They will need a blue round necked tee-shirt, black shorts or joggers, black trainers. It will need to be left in nursery in a draw string bag. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed.



Working together

We recognise that you are the most important people in your child's life and that to support them in the best possible way we need to work together.

To do this we will-

- Work in partnership with families sharing information
 - Have an open door policy
 - Keep in regular touch, updating you via the See Saw App
 - Update the Nursery page on the school website at the end of each term
 - Invite you in to class to spend time with your child
 - Hold Parent Evening consultations inline with the school
 - Share WOW! Moments
- Use the nursery noticeboard to share curriculum information



- We have three child sized toilets inside the nursery along with a toilet seat and step. Children are encouraged to be independent in their personal care but adults are always on hand to help.
- In case of accidents please ensure your child has a complete change of clothes in a drawstring bag which can be left in nursery.
- If your child is still in nappies you will need to provide these along with wipes, creams and nappy bags. We are happy to work with you to toilet train your child when they are ready. You will need to complete a consent form allowing the team to change your child.
- If your child is unable to attend nursery please contact the school office on 01793 727624 to let us know.
- If your child has sickness & diarrhoea please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last symptoms.
- **ALLERGIES** please ensure that you let nursery know if your child has any allergies
- **Inhalers.** If your child has an inhaler please ask at the school office for a form allowing us to give it to them. It will be kept locked in a cupboard in the nursery and be administered by a first aid trained member of the team.



Toileting, Personal Care & Illness



Early Years Curriculum

The Early Year Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets the standards and framework for the care, development and learning of young children. It focuses on children from birth to five years.

Nursery is often referred to as FS1.

The EYFS curriculum recognises that children learn best when actively involved in play.

There are seven areas-

3 Prime-

Communication and Language • Physical development • Personal, Social and Emotional development

4 Specific-

Literacy • Mathematics • Understanding the World • Expressive Arts and Design

For more information see

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Our Day- during each session we aim to cover the following. Timings are adjusted to reflect children's sustained interests and may vary each day. We follow the same routine in the afternoons.

- ▶ 08.30-08.45 Squiggle while you wiggle
- ▶ 08.45-09.00 Good Morning/Adult input.
- ▶ 09.00-10.30 COOL Time, alongside focussed activities.
- ▶ 10.30-10.45 Adult input
- ▶ 10.45-11.00 Snack
- ▶ 11.00-11.15 Adult input
- ▶ 11.15-11.30 Round up of session/story/singing.
- ▶ 11.30 Home time/Lunch.

Focussed Learning

This is the adult-led learning that happens everyday and is planned for having observed the children and seeing their areas for development.

- ▶ Social Skills.
- ▶ Exploration of the world.
- ▶ Early Communication & Language skills.
- ▶ Pre hand writing.
- ▶ Pre reading.
- ▶ Number/shape recognition.
- ▶ Creative activities.



COOL Time. Time for the children to explore freely, apply what they know and extend their knowledge and skills. It allows adults to observe the children and plan individualised curriculums for them.



- ▶ Time to explore & play.
- ▶ Time to apply & practise.
- ▶ Observations.
- ▶ Children's interests.
- ▶ Independence.



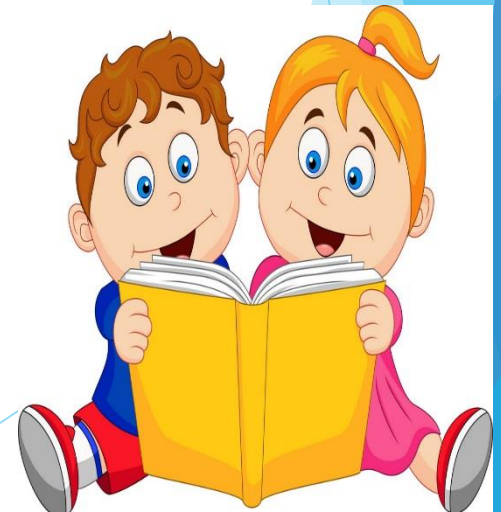
How to help your child get ready for nursery.

- ▶ Talk about nursery in a positive way
- ▶ Share the social story you will be sent before the summer holidays
- ▶ Encourage your child to be independent.
- ▶ Teach them to hang up their own coats.
- ▶ Help them take themselves to the toilet.
- ▶ Teach them to wash their hands.
- ▶ Encourage them to help themselves to snack.



Pre-Reading Skills. Helping your child to get ready to read.

- ▶ Talk about pictures, don't focus on written word just yet.
- ▶ Instill a love of books.
- ▶ Visit the Library.
- ▶ Sing lots of songs and rhymes



Pre-writing Skills. What can you do to help your child want to make marks.



- ▶ Develop gross and fine motor skills.
- ▶ Talk about everything!
- ▶ Make marks using foam, mud, steam.
- ▶ Point out print in the environment.
- ▶ Most children aren't ready to be writing yet.
- ▶ If you do, teach lower case letters.



Dates for your diary

- ▶ Teddy Bears Picnic - 12th July 2023
- ▶ 'Home Visits' - 4th September 2023
- ▶ Induction week - 5th September 2023

